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Federal Communications Commission C/O Commission Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, CY-B402 Washington DC, 20554

FCC Proceeding: WC Docket NO. 03-167

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Last month the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSCW) voted, 3-0, to approve SBC Wisconsin's 271 application which has been delivered to the Federal Communications Commission. I am writing in support of the PSCW's decision and hope that you will concur and allow Wisconsin's customers and businesses to benefit from telecommunications competition.

I believe all telephone companies should be able to compete for all customers. I know that many other states already are experiencing full competition and consumers are cashing in on the competitive offers. Increased competition in Wisconsin will bring higher quality and more innovative products and services that save consumers money.

At a time when the economy is faltering, it's important to support local business, local employees and local investments in Wisconsin. Allowing SBC to enter the long distance market will benefit our state's economy, telecommunications industry and increase competition, making consumers the ultimate winners.

For these reasons, I encourage you to concur with the PSCW on SBC Wisconsin's long distance application.

Sincerely,

Senator Mark Meyer Senate Utilities Committee Member Wisconsin

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